

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Alfred J. Lilliston, Accomac C. H., is critically ill at the time we go to press.

A bill has been introduced in our Legislature to allow Capt. Henry Crockett to build a wharf at Onancock.

Orders by mail will receive the prompt attention of Mr. W. L. Nock, agent for Humphreys & Tilghman's fertilizers.

The Board of Supervisors will meet at Accomac C. H., Monday, February 15th, 10 a. m., and all the members thereof are requested to be present.

Mr. R. B. Handy, of E. Herald, and Mr. Samuel Crockett, of Onancock Democrat, were visitors to Accomac C. H., and our sanctum, on court-day.

The ladies of Modestown Baptist Church will have an oyster supper in schoolhouse at Modestown, Friday, February 5th, 4 p. m., to raise funds to pay for church repairs. Public invited.

The first quarterly meeting of the South Accomac charge, of this year, will be held at Drummondtown, January 30th and 31st. The Presiding Elder, Rev. J. D. Hank, will preach on Saturday, 30th, 11 a. m., and on Sunday, 31st, 3 p. m.

Rev. Henry L. Derby, of Suffolk, Va., who has been invited to become rector of the Episcopal Churches in Accomac, will preach at Onancock, in Holy Trinity, on Sunday, the 31st inst., at 11 a. m., and at Drummondtown, in St. James, at 7:30 p. m., same day.

Mr. J. Brad Beverly, vice-president of the State Farmers' Alliance, will address the citizens of Accomac and Northampton at Belle Haven, Saturday, February 6th; Onancock, Monday, February 8th; Hallwood, Tuesday, February 9th. The address will be to the public and everybody is invited to be in attendance.

Our county jail was without an occupant last Wednesday—the last of the ten prisoners confined there at the beginning of the week being released on Tuesday. A colored brother, charged with stealing a watch last Thursday, now has a place behind the bars.

Delegates to the road meeting at Accomac C. H., next Wednesday, have been reported as follows: N. W. Nock, Dr. John W. Bowdoin, James A. Hall, John D. Parsons, John T. White, A. J. Rew, Wm. B. Pitts, Dr. John E. Mapp, Levin J. Melson, Wm. M. Taylor, Benj. F. Bull and Geo. W. Elmore.

Mr. John Guthrie, the obliging and courteous representative of the well known commission house of J. H. Seward & Co., Baltimore, for several years, will continue to serve his old firm and the public another year, and is now prepared to furnish his patrons with strawberry crates for the present year.

The books of Mr. A. T. Leatherbury, secretary of the Chesapeake Agricultural Association, will be closed, Monday, February 8th, at 7 p. m., and all entries must be made before that time accompanied by five dollars. All colts with no better record than 3 minutes can be entered in the 3 year old race—name of owner, horse, color and sex to be given at time of entry.

Our townsman, Mr. M. Oldham, Jr., one of the victims, in receipt of a letter from the clerk of the circuit court of the city of Baltimore, stating that the auditor's account in the Progressive Endowment suit has been finally ratified; that the members will obtain a dividend of eighty per cent., and that the receivers would begin to pay off at an early day.

Bills have passed the House of Delegates of Virginia, to authorize the Board or Trustees of Margaret Academy, to make sale of the property held by them in trust—and to authorize the Board of Supervisors of Accomac, to increase the pay for county and district school purposes and to define the line between the magisterial districts of Atlantic and Metompin.

Mr. Kennard Nottingham, died at the home of his father, Mr. John E. Nottingham, near Eastville, last Sunday. He was county surveyor at the time of his death and for a short while was editor of the E. S. Herald. Earlier in life he was a student at West Point and had taken a high stand at that famous institution, when he was compelled to leave on account of failing health. The untimely death of so promising a young man is greatly to be regretted.

The English steamer "Sir William Armstrong," from New Orleans to Havre, France, with a load of cotton, went ashore on southeast point of Carters shoals on the 19th, in a dense fog. The life station crews from Cobb's and Smith Island boarded her and rendered all necessary assistance. The wrecking steamers are at work on her and may succeed in floating her. A part of her cargo, 655 bales of cotton has been sent to Norfolk.

Accomac Court-House, Va.

Onancock.

Mr. W. F. Joynes has recovered from an attack of grip and resumed work on steamer last Monday.

Onancock Baptist Sunday School opened its new library last Sunday morning, Capt. E. W. Hopkins, librarian.

The second term of the current session of the Onancock Academy begins next Monday. The attendance is the largest in the history of the school.

Mr. F. M. Boggs and bride arrived home last Saturday afternoon. Our citizens cordially welcomed them and have been extending congratulations and best wishes ever since.

Capt. Thomas Johnson, who has been dangerously ill for the past six weeks, is so much improved that he is now able to sit up and walk about his room. He is in his 83d year.

A lifeless negro baby supposed to be two or three weeks old, was found along shore in Onancock creek, last Saturday, by Mark Bailey, colored, and buried by him. He did not identify it, and so far, its death is a profound mystery.

Members of Pungoteague Baptist Church re-organized their Sunday school last Sunday. J. W. Beloit was elected superintendent, J. W. Guy, assistant, H. N. Wescott, secretary, and Miss Warrington, organist. Rev. Mr. Grimley seems to be very popular with his church there.

The members of the Onancock Council of Royal Arcanum gave a banquet at the Grand Central, Tuesday night. Several of the Grand Officers were in attendance. The Onancock members are equal to any emergency and the banquet passed off with colors flying.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of citizens took place Saturday, at 2:30 p. m., to discuss the road question. Mr. Thos. W. Taylor was made chairman, and L. R. Boggs, secretary. After a very interesting discussion, W. B. Pitts was appointed delegate to the county convention, and John E. Parker alternate. Mr. Pitts goes to the convention instructed.

Onancock is looking forward to the meeting of the Teachers' Association of Accomac and Northampton with expectations of an educational treat. Mr. G. G. Joynes will do everything in his power to make the teachers feel at home in his town. When it is made known that Dr. L. J. Harmanson will be the chairman of the Committee on Hospitality for the occasion, it will be conceded, that Mr. Joynes has made a step in the right direction. Stockholders have offered the large Town Hall free of charge and special rates from Tasley to Onancock have been secured for all teachers attending the Association.

Chincoteague.

Mrs. Sarah Lewis, widow of Eba Lewis, deceased, and family moved to Philadelphia, this week.

According to the present schedule, William Wilson leaves here now, at 12:15 p. m., instead of 1 p. m.

Miss Mollie Stevens, of Pocomoke city, arrived here on the 25th inst., and opened the school, down the Island.

The lower lips of many of our oyster shippers, dropped, this week, on receipts of telegrams: Market full—hold your oysters.

Mr. George H. Ross, who moved to this place early in the year, moved back to a farm near Modestown, purchased by him, last week.

Mr. G. R. Colburn is in the city of Richmond, this week, as a delegate to the meeting of the Order of Golden Chain, in that city, held on the 27th inst.

A lodge of the Progressive Endowment Guild of America, chartered by the State of Virginia, was organized here with a large membership, on 25th inst., by Dr. Wm. R. Boyd. Many of the most substantial citizens of Chincoteague, were gathered into the Order.

A handsome storehouse is being erected by Mr. Thos. L. Burch, on Eastern side of the Island at Taylor's Landing, which he will stock soon with a full line of general merchandise. He proposes to make some of our old merchants take a back seat or come down in price.

Arrivals at Atlantic Hotel this week: Wm. H. Manning, W. S. Shepperd, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; O. W. Byrd, G. J. Record, Baltimore, Md.; James Adkins, Indiana; James Fletcher, Wilmington, Del.; G. W. Johnson, Philadelphia, Pa.; S. Reeder, Miss Lida Clayville, Snow Hill, Md.; Logan Henderson, P. Messick, Accomac.

Parkley.

Mrs. T. I. Kent has bought the lot adjoining her dwelling on Adelaide street.

Fred B. Pierce, of Boston, and Rev. Paul Sterling, of Melrose, Mass., are here on a gunning trip.

Rev. A. J. Frisette preaches on Sunday evenings in the hall over the millinery store of Mrs. Pate & Lewis.

Louis F. Hinman is getting out plans for a commodious dwelling to be built on his lots, corner of Cassatt avenue and Bennett street.

Rev. Milton N. Frantz, pastor of the M. E. Church, will give a talk on Japan, in which country he spent three years as a missionary, on Sunday morning next.

Those who braved the inclement weather on Friday evening, to hear Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake lecture, were well repaid in hearing this graceful and winsome gentlewoman present her subject, "The Progress of Freedom," of women, in such eloquent and forceful words. She disarmed prejudice, and won approval by her womanly appeal for fair play for women, making many new converts to her cause. The fair speaker was very happily introduced by Miss Childs' name.

Belle Haven.

The cool weather seems to have driven the grippie from our midst.

The largest arrivals of the past and present year at Doughty's hotel, was on Monday last.

A new line of wall paper and ceiling decorations are expected at Ward's in a few days.

The drummers still seem to flood our town. They report poor sales and very small collections.

Mr. J. M. West will in a few days make improvements to his new dwelling by erecting a handsome porch in front.

The citizens of our community are largely in favor of no fence law, and want it to come before the people at an early day.

Rev. C. D. Crawley, of Isle of Wight, will preach in the M. E. Church, South, Sunday next, at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:35 p. m.

Messrs. R. T. Lore and J. L. Mulford, of Philadelphia, have been in our section this week, contracting largely for oysters.

Mr. J. W. Ward's bid being the lowest, he has received the contract for paving the house at Concord wharf, belonging to E. S. S. Boat Co.

Wachapreague.

Mrs. John A. Brittingham, Davis wharf, was here on a short visit to her sister, Mrs. Hudson, this week.

There are several cases of la grippie and one of pneumonia in our town, but neither of a serious character.

Mr. Joe Bulman succeeded Mr. John Heath, as surferman, at Parra-more's Beach Life Saving Station, last week.

Mr. L. A. Blake and family, of this place, moved to Gloucester county, this week. They carried with them the best wishes of their old neighbors.

A road meeting held here last Saturday organized with T. T. Wescott, chairman, and J. H. Johnson, secretary. Dr. J. E. Mapp was elected delegate, F. T. Stockley, alternate. The road law recently formulated at Accomac C. H., was approved, and our representative is expected to vote for the ratification of same, next Wednesday.

Road Making.

This disturbing subject is covered by the simple requisites:

1st, That the water shall be run off the road.

2nd, That the surface of the roads shall be kept smooth.

To do this the man who makes roads should have no other occupation—there should be one person to work and manage roads in each magisterial district, to be employed, paid and discharged by the Board of Supervisors.

The money should go as direct as possible from the tax payer to the workers on the road, and should be done through the Board of Supervisors, and it will be as good an investment as the purchase of a horse, a cart, a carriage, or any other thing that adds to the comfort, pleasure and income of man.

If the above is put in force, the man who is to make the roads will learn by experience the best way to do it—much better than those who are making plans and making the law.

I fear, however, Mr. Editor, that the Legislature does not intend to do anything with the roads.

Respectfully,

ORRIS A. BROWNE.

Answer to Mr. G. G. Joynes.

MR. EDITOR.—Mr. G. G. Joynes wants to know why teachers are not paid for Xmas week. I respectfully refer him to section 392 of the Regulations of the Board of Education, page 133 of the School-Law of Virginia, which reads as follows: "Hereafter the school month shall consist of four weeks of five days each, and deduction shall be made from the pay of teachers for every day they lose, except such days as may have been declared by board of school trustees, to be legal holidays."

Prior to 1887 there was no uniformity, in this county, as to what days should be considered legal holidays, but on May 30th, of that year, the County School Board met, and decided that "Thanksgiving day when proclaimed by the Governor of Virginia, Easter-Monday and Whit-Monday and Tuesday, shall be considered legal holidays," and deduction must be made for all other days lost by teachers.

Respectfully,

J. D. PARSONS, Clerk, Accomac Co., School Board.

Boggs-Fritchett.

There was a very pretty wedding this morning at Washington Street M. E. Church. At half-past 10 o'clock Mr. Frank M. Boggs, of Onancock, and Miss Maggie Heath Fritchett, of this city, were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. A. C. Bledsoe, the pastor of the church. Miss Fritchett is a very handsome and charming young lady, and is the daughter of the late Rev. Edgar H. Fritchett, of the Virginia Conference. Miss Sallie E. Boggs, a sister of the groom, was the bridesmaid. Mr. L. W. Childrey, of Norfolk, was the groom's best man. The ushers were Messrs. W. H. Cuthbert, of this city, J. F. Peebles, of Norfolk, and J. M. Fosque and F. A. Slocomb, of Accomac. The bride was dressed in a travelling suit of brown cloth, with hat to match.—Cor. Norfolk Ledger.

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 20, 1892.

DIED.

COLONA—Near Metompin, Monday, January 25th, of consumption, Tully Colona, aged 20 years.

For home like comforts, good fare and moderate charges, the Maltby House, Baltimore, cannot be surpassed.

The Road Question.

MR. EDITOR.—The discussion of this question has taken a wide range and I shall be glad to see it concluded. There has been a great deal of misrepresentation and much utterly irrelevant matter used as arguments. One of my opponents, Mr. L. D. Warren, seems to think he ought to say something more, but his last letter is a sort of milk-and-water-affair—greatly diluted—mild as a May morning. He complains that I refer to history for illustration and comparison. That is a strange cause for complaint. I have always regarded history, either sacred or secular, as a wise teacher. It is, so to speak, the window through which we look into the dim vistas of departed ages and see the vices and virtues, the crimes and cruelties, the wise acts and errors of past generations, and if we are wise should shun their mistakes. But, Mr. Warren doesn't want me to go outside of my county for illustration. I could not help it, young tyrants do not grow in democratic soil, and his great panacea is as dead as Julius Caesar. Even he did not say a word in defense of his battling in this last letter. It's life was short. The democratic air of Accomac killed it. Let it sleep the last long sleep of death, unwept, unhonored and unsung. But Mr. Warren could not drop this question without another reference to his hobby, "the State debt," which seems to rest upon him like a great nightmare, and he takes but a very superficial view of that question. He asserts it was the cause of all our troubles since the war, and here he blunders, and mistakes the effect for the cause. The war itself was the illiad of all our woes. Judge Gunter told me, that he doubted if half our people before the war knew that we had a State debt—so lightly did it rest upon our people. The debt, per se, was not burdensome, it was borne like a feather. But the war came, stripped us of three-fourths of our taxable value, one-third of our territory and swept away our whole labor system in a day and left old Virginia with thousands of her brave sons sleeping in unmarked graves on a hundred hard fought battle fields. The war was the cause of all our woes. But I bid friend Warren and his defunct Panacea a final adieu and turn to another warrior who has rushed into the arena with all the courage of a Fallstaff, and fell, with sword in hand, upon the penniless poor, my unfortunate "wards." How gallant was his charge! For gross misrepresentation, false reasoning and misleading statements this writer of the circular letter stands without a rival, pre-eminent and alone. I shall only refer to a few of his points for upon these rests, the whole of his rambling, ill-considered and reckless. Referring to me, this writer says, "he is surely unmindful of the fact that 90-100 of the burdens and expenses of government are borne by the property holders." I deny, that "fact" in toto. The statement is utterly without foundation. My unfortunate "wards" whose cause I have publicly championed against their traducers, pay more, far more, in proportion to their means. They pay a large proportion of our whiskey and tobacco license tax into the treasury of Virginia, and they pay far more than their quota of the tariff taxes which go exclusively to pay the expenses of government. He cannot deny this. It is sound Democratic doctrine and will be preached over ten thousand hustings, all over this great nation, before the 1st of November. The poor penniless laborers bear far more than their rightful part of public burdens. But, perhaps, he will say he did not mean the burdens of the federal government. Ah! is not that our government, and the heaviest part of it? And is he not stopped from denying he meant the whole government by quoting approvingly, my excerpt from Mr. Cleveland in favor of an "equitable distribution of public burdens?" He knows Mr. Cleveland meant all "public burdens" and especially the burdens of federal taxation and he dares not deny that he has misrepresented and maligned the unfortunate poor. This is a severe charge, but it is every word true, true as Holy Writ. My unfortunate "wards" go "scot free" and pay not one cent of the public burdens. Oh, slanderer! "is the masterfield, most black of all below." "I would rather be a dog and bay the moon" than to slander the helpless poor, who, according to Democratic teaching, are bearing far more than their rightful share of public burdens. If this writer had been an ignorant man, I could have excused him, but it is plain his letter was intended to mislead and to arouse the scorn and indignation of property holders against the poor delinquent tax payers, who stand as a shield between the property holders of Accomac and direct federal taxation. For instance, if the tariff taxes were not paid, then the general government would impose direct taxes on all our property to help to pay the enormous expenses of our national government. But I have written enough to show that this writer is not a safe guide in matters of taxation, any more than he is in matters of religion. Some years ago through the columns of the late Eastern Virginian, he charged upon the Christian church, but he broke his lance without leaving a scratch on the shining shield of Christianity. Beware of the man who tries to mislead, who labors to array one class of our people in deadly antagonism against another class.

I want to say to my tragical "wards" most of them, (all who can) ought to pay the capitation tax cheerfully. It is a sacred duty they owe to the children of this county and State, for whose education it is mainly expended. They should also willingly pay a fair part of the road tax; for all classes will be benefited by good roads. In conclusion I will add, that I am confident half of our

delinquent tax list could be collected if we had wise laws for the collection of taxes. The treasurers are too remote from the tax payers. There should be a collector in each magisterial district. Then he would know the people and their ability to pay. J. D. PARSONS.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS.

January Term, 1892.

The following fiduciary accounts were confirmed and ordered to be recorded: Orphan accounts of Ida Cornelia Taylor, Eva, James Edward, Susan, Effie and Emma Downing—Audits of estates of Thos. L. Trower, Louis S. Roberts, Thos. J. Davis and Jacob Garrison, deceased.

Walter J. Hall qualified as notary public for the county of Accomac.

Last will of Jane S. Joynes was proved and Thos. J. Custis qualified as executor thereof.

Last will of Henry S. Rew was proved, and his widow filed her relinquishment of right to qualify as executrix appointed by the will, in favor of Francis T. Rew, who qualified as administrator c. t. a.

Solomon T. Johnson qualified as administrator of Rachel Marshall, deceased—and Ambrose S. Taylor as administrator of Geo. Northam, colored, deceased.

The estate of Wm. K. Parker, colored was committed to John H. Wise, sheriff, for administration.

Inquest held over Isaac S. Baker, deceased, by Wm. T. Parks, J. P., and acting coroner, was returned and filed.

John S. Ames, acting guardian, vs. Louis Boggs, (on attachment for rent.) Dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

John T. Shield, &c., agents, vs. Wm. Beasley, (on attachment for rent.) Report of constable filed, confirmed and cause removed from docket.

Wm. Young vs. Geo. W. Perkins, (on attachment for rent.) Report of constable filed, stating no sale "for want of bidders," and order entered for peremptory sale at Court House of property levied upon, on Saturday, 13th day of February.

Orders on county treasurer in public bridge matters entered as follows: For P. T. Stockley, \$3.56, \$10.35 and \$7.90.

Upon petition of L. W. Mears and others for a public bridge over Rogers' branch, Report of Chas. P. Finney, commissioner, filed, approved and referred to Board of Supervisors. The Commonwealth vs. W. R. and J. T. Shield, (on rules for failing to attend as witnesses.) Defendants excused on account of illness.

Rules were awarded against Levin Booth and Henry Bowden to show why they should not be fined for failing to attend as witnesses for Commonwealth before grand jury against James Marshall.

An assize grand jury was empanelled and returned, "true bills" three for felonious dredging, two for selling liquor without license, and one for carnal knowledge of female under 12 years of age—and ignored by returning one for unlawfully injuring and defacing property, one for unlawful trespass, one for unlawful gaming at House of Entertainment, one for rape, one for housebreaking with intent to commit larceny, one for feloniously taking oysters—and parties in jail to answer indictments ignored, released at once.

Andrew Hickman and Chas. Beach, colored, having served the respective terms for which they were committed to jail, and being unable to pay fine and costs were released.

Commonwealth vs. Jeff D. Mister, (on indictment for assault and battery.) Defendant appeared and pleaded not guilty. Cause continued on Commonwealth's motion because of absent and material witnesses, and defendant recognized to appear and answer on first day of next term.

Commonwealth vs. schooner Elexina, (on an information alleging that schooner had been used in taking oysters feloniously.) Case heard, allegations of information found true, order entered declaring schooner forfeited to Commonwealth and directing her to be sold by sheriff, &c.

Writs of seque facias were awarded against Noah Riggins, Dendarr R. Riffin, John W. Wilson, and John W. Marsh, their surety, because of their failure to appear in conformity with the conditions of their recognizance entered into before the circuit court of this county.

John Wm. Case, who was recognized by the judge of this court, in vacation, to appear and answer certain accusations of felony, failed to appear. His default was entered and writ of seque facias was awarded against George Henry Case and Bethany Floyd who recognized for the said John Wm., who is a minor.

Upon application of Perry Bloxom, surveyor, to widen road just above Mappsville. Order entered appointing Samuel W. Matthews, commissioner, to view the road and report as the law directs.

John E. T. Window's executor vs. Maggie E. Winder, (on a petition.) Report of James H. Fletcher, Jr., attorney, filed. Order confirming the same and removing cause from docket.

Report of Henry E. Byrd, assigning hands to work road precinct No. 31, of which K. C. Horsey is surveyor, received, confirmed, and commissioner allowed \$2 for his services.

D. M. & V. R. Co., appellants, vs. John H. Arbuckle, appellee. Case dismissed by consent, having been agreed between the parties.

Patrick J. Rew was appointed surveyor of roads in place of James G. Fox, excused.

Thomas Edward Somers, a seafaring man, was excused from serving as surveyor of roads and order appointing him as such was rescinded, and Littleton Taylor of Robt., was appointed surveyor in lieu of said Somers in place of Marcellus Small, resigned.

Correspondence.

MR. EDITOR.—I must confess that I was somewhat amused, rather than otherwise, at the manner in which you refuted one of the alleged errors in my circular letter to Samuel W. Matthews, Esq., in reference to the roads, by admitting the truth of the statement itself. I simply said in my letter that I had made an ineffectual attempt to secure its appearance in the ENTERPRISE. This statement you admit as true, and supplemented the acknowledgment by an explanation as to why you failed to publish my letter. You and I know the conversation that occurred between us in your office at 12:30 o'clock, on Wednesday, the 13th of this month, and you also recollect the stage to which that weeks issue of your paper had advanced, you also know the great importance to the people of the subject for which I asked a hearing by the people through your columns, you were also aware of the gist of the argument contained in my letter, you also knew that the work of the road committee had never been rightly set before the people, and knowing these facts, and occupying the position you do, I will simply say that if you are entirely satisfied in your own mind, with the explanation offered for the non-appearance of my letter in your issue of the 18th, of this month, myself and others should also be satisfied.

Yours truly,

N. W. NOCK.

MR. EDITOR.—There has been so much said and written in regard to our public roads, a few words from a farmer, perhaps, would not be amiss. I agree with all of them that a change or amendment to our road law is demanded. My plan would be—

1.—To make it absolutely compulsory on every male from 16 to 60 years old to work two days, of eight hours, in each year, or pay one dollar, and if he will not do either to put him in chain-gang and make him work it out there.

2.—To levy a tax on real estate, sufficient to buy a road machine or scraper and plow for every magisterial district.

3.—That the county judge appoint one man in each district, with pay not to exceed \$2 per day, to be occupied 8 hours per day, whose duty it shall be to attend to all other roads in the district, to keep a list of hands, to summon them &c., and to forfeit his wages for wilful neglect of duty—and to put another in his place if he does not give satisfaction.

LEVIN J. MELSON.

Notice to Horsemen.

STAKE RACE FOR 1892.

The managers of the Chesapeake Agricultural Fair Association have decided to have two stake races, to be trotted on their grounds at Cape Charles, Va., during their meeting of 1892.

The first race to be for three year olds, owned on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, prior to January 1st, 1892, without records. Entrance \$25.00, to be paid as follows: \$5 on the second Monday in May, \$5 on the second Monday in July, and the remaining \$10 to be paid on the day before the races are to start, by 7 o'clock p. m. The Association adds \$100. Race to be mile heats—best two in three. Purse divided as follows: 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent.

The second race to be for foals of 1890, owned on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, prior to January 1st 1892. Entrance \$35.00, to be paid as follows: \$5 on the second Monday in February, \$5 on the second Monday in May, \$5 on the second Monday in July, when the colts to start must be named and the remaining \$10 to be paid on the day before the races start, by 7 o'clock p. m. The Association adds \$100. Race to be mile heats—best two in three. Purse divided as follows: 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent.

Books are now open for entries, and close the second Monday in February by 7 p. m.—no conditional entries. All entries and inquiries must be addressed to A. T. LEATHERBURY, Secretary, Machipongo, Va.

Petitions are being circulated on the seaside in the upper part of the county of Accomac, praying the passage by our Legislature of an oyster cull law, for the Eastern side of the counties of Accomac and Northampton, and that a police boat properly manned be placed in waters on seaside of said counties, for the purpose of assisting in the enforcement of any law that exists or may be enacted relative to oysters, seine hauling, shooting of wild fowl, taking of oysters &c. They submit in their petition that by the suicidal policy now being pursued, that the oyster rocks are being rapidly depleted and that there is an indiscriminate destruction of wild fowl, terrapins &c.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

FOR SALE.—Corn delivered at Eastville and Machipongo stations. W. R. Nottingham, Eastville, Va.

TO THE OYSTERMEN.—We sell oysters by count. Good stock brings big money. Returns daily. Try us. Write for stencils. Mention ENTERPRISE. Reference—First National Bank, Reading, Pa. Respectfully Clous & Silvis, Oyster Dealers, 26 and 28 South Fifth street, Reading, Pa.

NOTICE.—Don't forget that F. S. Gibson will send you top of the market for eggs and oysters all the season through. Reference—Girard Bank. Write for stencils. Mention ENTERPRISE. Returns daily. F. S. Gibson, 108 Spruce street, Philadelphia, Pa.

NOTICE.—All of our stock of goods is offered for sale at and below cost as we wish to remodel our storehouse before the Spring and want to get them out of the way. All persons are invited to see our stock by January 20th, next, either by